

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this reissue application is respectfully requested.

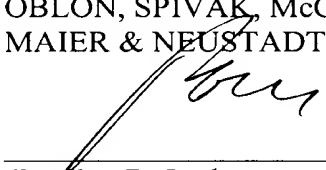
Claims 1-72 are pending, none of these being further amended.

In the outstanding Office Action, the present rejection was based solely on Applicants needing to file a Reissue Declaration based on PTO/SB/51. Applicants are filing herewith such a form that is executed by all of the inventors, except for the fourth inventor, Mr. Ryuichi Iwamura who could not be located. Also attached herewith is a Declaration of Koichi Wada, indicating that the present Applicant, Sony Corporation, has been diligent in attempting to identify the location of Mr. Iwamura, and such diligent efforts has not resulted in the identification of the whereabouts of Mr. Iwamura. Also included are evidence of the attempts made to contact Mr. Iwamura.

In view of the present filing of the Reissue Declaration by the Inventors, executed by all of the inventors except for the further inventor who could not be located (see e.g., Wada Declaration, paragraph 7), it is respectfully requested that the present reissue application be formally reissued.

Respectfully submitted,

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